



Troop 85

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December 2011 Newsletter

What's Happening?

- December 12
COH & Christmas Dinner 6 pm
- December 16 & 17
Lock-in
- December 19
No Meeting
- December 26
No Meeting
- January 2
No Meeting
- January 7
Merit Badge Forum – CT 1-4
OA Winter Banquet
- January 8
Eagle COH – Mitch Dolan 2 pm @ FBC
- January 9
Troop Meeting 7 pm
- January 10
Committee Mtg 7 pm
- January 13 – 15
Trappers Rendezvous
Campout (Newton, KS)
- January 14
OA Winter Banquet
- January 16
MLK Day
PLC 7 pm
- January 21
Merit Badge Forum – CT 1-4
- January 23
Troop Meeting 7 pm
- January 30
Troop Meeting 7 pm
- February 4
Merit Badge Forum – CT 1-4
- February 5
Scout Sunday
- February 6
Troop Meeting 7 pm
Camp Payment \$85 due
- February 7
Committee Mtg 7 pm
- February 13
Troop Meeting – Swimming @ FT 7pm
- February 17 – 19
Campout – Mahaffie Farmstead
- February 20
PLC 7 pm
- February 27
Troop Meeting / Troop & OA Elections 7 pm

Advancements:

Congratulations to the following Scouts on their Advancement:

2nd Class: Justin B

1st Class: Aidan L

Star: Zach H

All Scouts, Scouters and their families are invited to attend Mitch Dolan's Eagle COH on Sunday, January 8th at 2 pm at FBC.

Peace Light From Bethlehem

For over a thousand years, lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem Israel. Since 1989, Scouts from Austria have initiated the distribution of the Peace Light thru Europe. In 2004, the light made the journey to the USA for the first time.

All are welcome to come to the HOAC Service Center (10210 Holmes Road KC, MO) and receive the light between 12/6 & 12/22. The light will also be available at FBC on 12/24 from 10 am – noon. Candles or lanterns are good tools to take the light, but are not provided so bring them with you. This is a historic first for our Council and Kansas City. Please spread the mission of peace, joy, and goodwill throughout the KC metro area and region. For more info visit www.peacelightkc.com

Save the Date - OA Tamagonit Lodge 2012 Winter Banquet

- Saturday, January 14th 5 pm; Arrowhead Club @ Arrowhead Stadium
- All Arrowman and guests are invited for fellowship, food and fun.
- Reservations are due 12/16/11.
- To register online, go to <http://2012winterbanquet.kintera.org/>
- 2012 Dues (\$10) and Induction Fees can be paid online at <http://arrowpass.kintera.org> by 12/26/11.

Mic-O-Say Workshop

All Tribesmen and their guests are welcome to participate in upcoming workshops designed so they will be able to work on costumes at your own pace, at your own level, on whatever project, with the time you have. If you would like a personal email when classes are being held, contact Robb Gibson at RGibson968@aol.com Watch the website at <http://Mic-O-SayWorkshop.info> for updated information and additional classes.

Save the Dates - RTH District Activities

- **Annual RTH District Dinner** – 2/4/2012; Location: LDS Stake
- **Webelos Woods** - 4/14 to 4/15/2012; Location: TBD
- **RTH Day of Service** – 4/21/2012
- **RTH Cub Scout Day Camp** – 6/18 to 6/22/2012; Location old Lake Olathe Golf Course



TROOP 85 INFO

All troop events, times and places are listed on the calendar to the left of this newsletter or in the body of the newsletter. Another good source of information is the Troop 85 website. The address is above. Be aware that dates may change from the calendar on the website.

From the Training Coordinator...

The Troop 85 Committee has set the goal for 100% of our registered adult Scouters to be trained in their positions. For most, this means trained for being a "Committee Member". To be trained for this position, you must complete the following training:

1. **Youth Protection:** Available on-line, www.myscouting.org

2. **Fast Start Training:** Available on-line www.myscouting.org

Make sure to take the Boy Scout Fast Start and not the Cub Scout or Venturing ones. If you don't want to take the on-line training, our training coordinator, Bob Clewell, will offer to give this training via a video tape periodically during a scout meeting if enough people are interested.

3. **This is Scouting:** This is also available on-line. www.myscouting.org

4. **Troop Committee Challenge:** Is available on-line. www.myscouting.org

Once you have completed any training please show the Training Coordinator, Bob Clewell, your training card (if you completed in-person training) or a printout of the completion certificate (if you take the training on-line). If you take Fast Start training on-line, there is no completion certificate. Just let Bob know what day you completed it. Bob is available most Monday's during the scout meetings to record your training or answer your training questions.

Upcoming Adult/Youth Training Opportunities

- **Scout Unit Chaplain & Chaplain Aide Training** – Saturday, 1/14 from 9am – noon at Colonial Presbyterian Church; 9500 Wornall Rd; KC, MO. Register at the door and no fee. You will learn how to plan & organize a unit chapel event, where to find resources, and how to select/lead music for unit worship. Contact George Flanagan at fgeorge670@kc.rr.com for more info.
- **Trainer's Edge** – Saturday, 1/21 from 8:30 – 4:30 pm. This course is designed for all training volunteers and is required for NYLT and Woodbadge Staff. Cost is \$15. Contact Jamey Hilleary at jhilleary@watchdogcp.com for more info and to signup.
- **Council Shooting Sports Committee Rifle/Shotgun Basic Instructor Training Courses:**
 - **Feb 7 & 9** – Basic Instructor Training; 6 pm at Naish; cost \$25; both nights required
 - **Feb 28 & Mar 19** – Basic Instructor Training; 6 pm at Naish; cost \$25; both nights required
 - **Mar 13 & 15** – Range Safety Officer Training; 6 pm at Naish; cost \$75; both nights required
 - **Mar 23 & 25** – Rifle Instructor Training at Naish. Cost \$75
 - **Mar 23 & 25** – Shotgun Instructor Training at Naish. Cost \$75.
- **BSA Project COPE / Climbing Instructor Training** – May 4 – 6, 2012 at Naish Scout Reservation. Cost is \$35 per participant if registered by April 27th. Contact cobolles@bsamail.org for additional info.

Red Tail Hawk District Merit Badge Forum-Merit Badge Counselors Needed

We need merit counselors to teach the classes. If you are not currently a counselor but would like to be, you will need to attend Merit Badge Counselor training held on the first Thursday of each odd numbered month at the District Round Table at 7:30 pm. Counselors are needed for both Eagle and non-Eagle required merit badges.

Questions or to sign up, please contact Hal Schmidt at 913.897.2154 or hals2270@aol.com



This and That, the stuff you need to know

Campout Permission Slips and camping fees should be turned in to Mrs. Bolin ***no later than 8 pm on the night they are due.*** Mrs. Bolin does so much for our troop - please be respectful of her time and plan to pay at the beginning of the meeting.

Troop Dues need to be paid monthly by all boys in the Troop. Please check with Mrs. Bolin to see if you are behind in dues.

REMINDER: Troop tents used on campouts are due at the next Troop meeting following the campout

Cold Weather Camping

As we move into the season of cold-weather camping, all Scouts are reminded that they must have/wear boots on the campout in order to attend.

2012 Rechartering

It's recharter time again. Please see Mrs. McCreight at the weekly meetings to confirm your information and sign up again. All adults registered with the troop must have their position required training done in order to re-charter. Please see Mr. Clewell about completing your training.

Early Departures

Boys that need to leave early from a troop meeting and / or campout should inform one of the troop's adult leaders prior to being picked up by your parent.

Troop DVDs on Sale

Purchase your Troop 85 2009 & 2010 DVD's for \$10/ea and the first half 2011 DVD for \$5/ea at any troop meeting.

Open Troop Committee Positions

Are you looking for a way to get more involved with the troop – consider one of the open Troop Committee positions. For more details about each opening, please contact Mr. McCreight.

Bartle Summer Camp 2012

Following is the payment schedule for summer camp session 3 (6/28 – 7/7) at Lonestar; Campsite Cheyenne:

December 6	\$85
February 1	\$85
April 4	\$105

Summer 2011 High Adventure Camp Opportunity

If you are interested in participating in this summer's Rocky Mountain High Adventure trip (white water rafting, hiking, rappelling), please contact Mr. McCreight. Estimated trip cost is \$600 per Scout.

Planning Way Ahead

- 23rd World Jamboree to be held in Japan 2015
- 24th World Jamboree to be held in the United States at The Summit, the new Bechtel Scouting Center in West Virginia

Check out <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Programs/InternationalScouting.aspx> for more info on these exciting international Scouting opportunities

Troop 85 Committee Members

COR...Paula Champion
Committee Chairman...David McCreight
Scoutmaster... Jeff Wandtke
Advancement...Kristi Ogle
Chaplain...Pat Miller
Eagle Coordinator...Gordon Rames
Fundraising... **Open**
Equipment Coordinator...Mike Heyse
Good Turn Coordinator...Tim Bolin
Historian...Mike Fischer
Outdoor Chair...Steve Preston
Secretary...Sandy Preston
Sr. Patrol Leader...Nick P
Training Coordinator...Bob Clewell
Treasurer... **Open**
Clothes Closet... **Open**



Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

to

the Scouts and Families of Troop 85!